What's on the Program?


- A concerto is a musical composition for a solo instrument or instruments plus an orchestra.
- This concerto has 3 movements: Allegro aperto, Adagio, and Tempo di menuetto – Allegro – Tempo di menuetto.
- This concerto is nicknamed "Turkish" for the fiery music in its finale.
- Mozart was known as a pianist, but was also known as a violinist, as was his father Leopold.
- Mozart was famous as a child prodigy. He had toured Europe many times by the time he wrote this concerto at age 19 in 1775.

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Violin Concerto No. 5 in A, K.219

Wolfgang Amadè Mozart (1756–1791)

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- Gustav Mahler was a conductor as well as a composer and is most famous for his nine symphonies.
- A symphony is usually a large work for orchestra without soloists or voices, but Mahler included voices in four of his nine symphonies: nos. 2, 3, 4, and 8.
- Mahler completed this symphony in the year 1900, when he was 40.
- Symphony No. 4 has four movements. The first three are for orchestra only. In the last movement, a soprano sings a song based on a German poem, "Life in Heaven." Mahler had written this song eight years earlier.

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Symphony No. 4 in G
Gustav Mahler (1860–1911)

Additional program notes can be found here.
DIY Sleigh Bells

For this week's craft, we're going to make sleigh bells. This instrument is featured in Mahler's Symphony No. 4. Make this craft ahead of time, so you can follow along with the orchestra!

**Materials needed:**

1. 3-5 bells (You may need to purchase these from a craft store or repurpose from an old craft project ahead of time.)
2. Pipe cleaners (Any color will do!)
3. Scissors (Optional)

**Directions:**

Step 1: Thread the number of bells you want onto the center of 1-2 pipe cleaners.

Step 2: Wrap the pipe cleaner ends together to create a loop. You can adjust the size based on what is comfortable for you and your child.

Step 3: Wind the excess ends of the pipe cleaner around the loop you created. Here's where you can trim the ends with scissors if needed.

Step 4: You're ready to play along with the orchestra!

**Additional Sleigh Bell DIY Resources**

This week's craft was inspired by Laughing Kids Learn tutorial. You can find the tutorial and step by step pictures by visiting the link below:

https://laughingkidslearn.com/diy-christmas-sleigh-bells/

Here are additional sleigh bell tutorials for more ideas:

https://www.makeandtakes.com/simple-craft-for-jingle-bells

This week’s reflection is based on an excerpt from the German poem called, "Life in Heaven." The poem is sung by a soprano in the finale of Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 4.

**Excerpt from "Life in Heaven"**

We enjoy heavenly pleasures  
And therefore avoid earthly ones.  
   No worldly tumult  
   Is to be heard in heaven.  
All live in gentlest peace.  
We lead angelic lives,  
Yet have a merry time of it besides.  
We dance and we spring,  
We skip and we sing.  
Saint Peter in heaven looks on.

**Drawing Activity**

Read through the excerpt of "Life in Heaven" provided above. If you're interested, you can check out the whole poem in the program notes [here](#). On a separate sheet of paper, use a pencil, pen, or markers and try recreating each line the poem through a drawing. Your drawings can be abstract or inspired by real life. You can do this activity before listening to the piece, while you're listening to the piece, or after.
Word Search

Can you find the following ten words!

MOZART
MAHLER
PRODIGY
WOLFGANG
SALZBURG
HIMMLISCHE
CLASSICAL
TURKISH
FINALE
HARPSICHORD

Click here to play this word search online!
Crossword Puzzle

HELPFUL HINT
The answers for this crossword puzzle are based on today's program. Use page 1 of this activity packet to help you find the answers!

Across
2. Mozart was a famous child (blank).
7. Mozart was known as a pianist, but was also known as a (blank).
9. Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5 has (blank) number of movements.
10. First name of Mozart's father.

Down
1. Mahler was a (blank) as well as a composer.
3. In the last movement of Mahler's Symphony No. 4, a soprano sings a song based on a German poem called "Life in (blank)."
4. What's Mahler's first name?
5. A (blank) is a musical composition for a solo instrument or instruments plus an orchestra.
6. Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5 is nicknamed (blank) for the fiery music in its finale.
8. A (blank) is usually a large work for orchestra without soloists or voices.
Crossword Puzzle Answer Key

1. Mahler was a (blank) as well as a composer.
   a. Conductor

2. Mozart was a famous child (blank).
   a. Prodigy

3. In the last movement of Mahler’s Symphony No. 4, a soprano sings a song based on a German poem called “Life in (blank).”
   a. Heaven

4. What’s Mahler’s first name?
   a. Gustav

5. A (blank) is a musical composition for a solo instrument or instruments plus an orchestra.
   a. Concerto

6. Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 5 is nicknamed (blank) for the fiery music in its finale.
   a. Turkish

7. Mozart was known as a pianist, but was also known as a (blank).
   a. Violinist

8. A (blank) is usually a large work for orchestra without soloists or voices.
   a. Symphony

9. Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 5 has (blank) number of movements.
   a. Three

10. First name of Mozart’s father.
    a. Leopold